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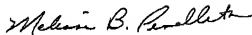
This is in response to the final Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, in the above-referenced application. Claims 28-44 and 46 are pending. Claims 1-27, drawn to a non-elected invention, are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to Applicants and the filing of divisional applications thereon.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of the allowance of Claims 28-33 and 44 and the allowability of Claim 45 if rewritten into independent form. Claims 34-43 and 46 are rejected for the reasons of record. To advance prosecution of this matter, and without prejudice or disclaimer to Applicants, Claim 34 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable Claim 45, and Claim 45 is accordingly canceled. Inasmuch as Claim 45 is now presented in independent form, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at his convenience to expedite examination and allowance of this matter.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0332.

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Respectfully submitted,

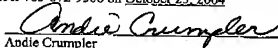


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